CITY of ELGIN
COUNCIL MINUTES FOR MARCH 9, 1999

COUNCILORS PRESENT- Glenn Clark
Pat McMullen
John Stover
John McElravy
John Braughton
Berta Churchill - Mayor

ABSENT- Joe Estes

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Mayor Berta Churchill

Approval of Minutes
The Mayor called for approval of the minutes for February 9, 1999. Councilor Stover moved to approve the minutes as presented, with Councilor Clark as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

Supervisors Reports
The Mayor called for the supervisors reports.

Police-
Chief Sibley reported that he has prepared a letter of notification for property owners and occupants that are in violation of the City's ordinances regarding vehicle storage and repair being conducted on public rights-of way. Chief Sibley informed the Council that he was working on the radio and lights for the new car to get it into service. He noted that he would have a surplus light bar, and asked the Council's permission to donate it to the Rural Fire District. By consensus the Council approved the donation. The light bar has a new replacement cost of about $950. He also reported that he is in the process of training the new reserve officers.

Public works- Kyle Boylen, absent; no report

Library- Sandra Good, absent, written report submitted.

Fire-
Chief McDonald reported that the new Rural tanker was out of the paint shop. It needs lights and a radio to be ready for service. He also reported that he was working with the Rural Fire District to prepare a plan for construction of a new fire hall.

Ambulance- no report.

Municipal Court- Ralph Howell, absent; written court activity report submitted.

Recorder/Administrator-
Joe Garlitz reported that the National Guard has declined to assist with the construction of the Hunaha RV Park. He also reported that the Rural Communities Day at the State Capitol was being held March 12. Karen Owen has agreed to attend to represent Elgin. She will be traveling with either the County or LaGrande's people. They will be staying over night and she will need to stay at a motel.

Councilor Braughton moved to reimburse Mrs. Owen's travel expenses, with Councilor Clark as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

Citizens to Speak
Karen Owen was present to report on the activities of Elgin EDGE. Several members of the Chamber of Commerce and the tourism committee are forming an Historical Society. They will be using the old police office in the Opera House as a mini-museum. The Saturday Market is being organized and will begin in

May. The tourism committee is investigating the possibility of getting signs on the Highways listing the service clubs and churches and also signs identifying various historical sites in the area.

She reported that 2010 has been in contact with Cycle Oregon. There will be a lunch stop in the Elgin area, and Elgin EDGE and 2010 will coordinate the needed support activity. Cycle Oregon will need to contract with a legal entity. Last time the City was the contracting agent. The Council informally agreed that the City could be the contracting agent again. When a contract is available it will be presented to the Council.

Mrs. Owen also reported that the second session of the Rural Futures Forum was held last weekend. She stated that she was very pleased with the sessions and recommend the forum to the Councilors.

Harlan Scott was present to speak to the Council for Joanne Rodriguez. He requested $300 from the City to purchase a VCR and a microwave oven. These are to be used to as prizes at the Community Celebration planned for March 20. After discussion and further clarification, Councilor Clark moved to approve a grant of $300 to the Elgin EDGE for the celebration as present, with Councilor Braughton as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

Arnie Krause was present to request the Council's approval of his wreckers licence renewal. After discussion regarding the progress he was making in removing vehicles from the City streets, Councilor Braughton moved to approve the application with the provision that the City's ordinances and the ORS are followed, with Councilor Clark as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

Committee Reports
The Mayor then called for committee reports.

Administration: Councilor McMullen reported that the bills had been reviewed.

Public Works: Councilors Braughton and McElravy, no report.

Public Safety: Councilors Stover and Clark; Councilor Clark reported that he and Chief Sibley have prepared a list of properties that are in violation of vehicle storage and other ordinances.

Old Business
HB 2976, Re. Unemployment payments.

Representative Mark Simmons has submitted House Bill 2976 extending the provisions that relieve an employer of a part time worker from unemployment payments when that employer continues the employment of the part time employee. The bill will be scheduled for a committee hearing, and hopefully presented for adoption.

Transportation Advisory Committee; Access management, future street plans.

Hanley Jenkins and Dara Decker were present to continue the transportation plan development. They reviewed the activity from the last meeting. They then reviewed criteria and procedures to permit access to the State highways. An inventory of existing and potential accesses has been made by ODOT. Using standards set out in the transportation plan, ODOT will be notified for review of any requests for new access or in the event of a change of use that would impact the use of the highways. This will allow ODOT to participate in the site plan review, but more importantly, allow them to discuss the proposed development prior to making any formal plans.

Ms. Decker reviewed construction standards for street wide, base and surface treatment. She also reviewed a map of possible future street locations and extensions. A draft plan will be prepared for review next month. The plan will then provide the basis for implementing ordinances to be adopted.

New Business
Deferred compensation

The City has been approached by VALIC, an insurance company that provides deferred compensation programs for public entities. Mr. Garlitz discussed the concept of a deferred compensation plan for the employees. The plan, as proposed, would allow the City's employees to invest a portion of their wages in a tax deferred retirement account by payroll deduction. After discussion, it was the Council's consensus to present the program to the employees and get their feedback.

Correspondence
Un Co; Industrial park development meeting.

The meeting, March 11, will be attended by Mr. Garlitz.

Mrs. Rysdam, Support of Crossing Guard program.

The Council requested that Mrs. Rysdam have the guards make a presentation to the Council in April.

Loc Newsletter; "No more exemptions". Correspondence noted.

Good of the Order

Councilor McMullen moved to approve the bills as presented, with Councilor Stover as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

Councilor Stover moved to adjourn, with Councilor McMullen as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted; Joe Garlitz, Recorder/Administrator